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Cleanup crews had recovered 1,400 barrels of crude oil by midday Thursday from a 4,000-barrel spill south of Caddo Lake in Louisiana on Monday, state agencies reported.

The spill was from a 20-inch pipeline that originates at Longview's Sunoco Logistics Partners.

The cause of the rupture, shortly before 2 p.m. Monday, is under company and state investigation as crews excavate the site.

The crude bled into a tributary feeding Caddo Lake's southern shore in Louisiana.

Three families evacuated voluntarily, because of the smell, but no injuries were reported, Louisiana State Police Spokesman Trooper Matt Harris said.

Sunoco Communications Manager Jeff Shield said Thursday afternoon that none of the crude oil had reached Caddo Lake. The tributary, Tete Bayou, empties into the lake at Hawley's Arm, a mile and a half west of Mooringsport, Louisiana.

"Caddo Lake has not been impacted," Shield said. "The pipeline has been shut down. We don't have a schedule to restart yet. The pipeline moves from Longview up to the refineries in the Midwest."



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